

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8 through page 9, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In a second present preferred embodiment of our cord lock 40, shown in Figures 7, 8 and 9, the cam lock contains a pair of locking drums 41 and 42 in place of the carriage 30 of the first embodiment. In this embodiment, pin 47 extends through the housing 39 and carries the first locking drum 41 and four cams 43, two on each side of the locking drum 41. A second pin 45 extends through the housing and carries second locking drum 42 and two wheels 46, two on each side of the second locking drum. As in the first embodiment, a lift cord 12 passes between each set of cams and wheels. A slot 49 is provided in the first locking drum 41 which receives a pin 48 in the second locking drum 42. This slot and pin arrangement causes the two locking drums to move together. A spring 50 extends from pin 51 on the first locking drum 41 to a pin 52 extending from the housing as shown in Figure 8. This biases the locking drums to the locked position shown in Figure 7. If desired the spring could be connected between the second locking drum and the housing. A release cord 56 extends from pin 54 on locking wheel 42, passes over rod 53 and exits the bottom of the cord lock. The bottom 38 of the housing has a passage 60 through which the lift cords 12 pass. We prefer to provide guide pins 62 in the passage 60 to separate adjacent lift cords. Pulling the lift cords from below the cord lock moves the cams to an unlocked position shown in Figure 8. Pins 51 and [57] 54 extend through the first locking wheel 41 and capture the cams 43. Pulling the release cord turns both locking wheels 41, 42 until pin 51 moves the cams away from the lift cords to an unlocked position or release shown in Figure 9.

The drums need not be round but could be a polygon or have an irregular or non-symmetric shape.

Replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 14-23 with the following amended paragraph:

The third present preferred embodiment of our cord lock 70 shown in Figures 10 and 11 is similar to the second embodiment. A cam lock wheel 72 is carried on axle 65 extending from housing 69. A second axle 75 carries wheel 76 over which one or more lift cords 12 travel. Again we prefer to have a separate wheel for each lift cord. Cams 73 are carried on pin 77 and captured within a slot 78 in the cam lock wheel 72. As in the previous embodiment spring 50 biases the cam lock wheel [77] 72 to the locked position shown in Figure 10. Release cord 56 is attached to cam lock wheel [77] 72 by pin 54 and travels around pin 53 before exiting the cord lock. As can be seen from the top view of the cord lock 70 in Figure 11 this cord lock can be quite narrow. Consequently, two or even three cord locks can be placed side by side within the headrail.